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The Honorable James L. Oberstar  
Chairman, Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure  
United State House of Representatives  
2165 Rayburn House Office Bldg  
Washington DC 20515

Dear Congressman Oberstar:

As per your request on July 20, 2009, I am attaching Nebraska's Project Selection Process for the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funds. I am also attaching a map that illustrates the distribution of ARRA funds and projects across the state of Nebraska.

Nebraska received \$235.6 million in ARRA highway infrastructure funds, of which \$32.6 million was for areas over 200,000 in population. The analysis for the economically distressed counties does not include this portion of ARRA funds. As detailed in the project selection process, each category of ARRA funds has its own steps as established by the recipient entities. These processes demonstrate that priority was given to economically distressed areas. As of August 31, 2009, \$82 million (40%) of the remaining \$203 million has been obligated in economically distressed areas. An additional \$30 million will be obligated in economically distressed areas before March 1, 2010. This amounts to 55% of the total funds available for economically distressed areas.

In early December 2008, Nebraska established a list of projects that provided a fair geographic distribution of ARRA funds available for use in any area (flexible). This list was published prior to the enactment of ARRA in February 2009. Following the established process, all ARRA funded projects were selected from this list.

If you have any questions regarding the attachments, please have your staff contact us at (402) 479-4615 or email me at [monty.fredrickson@nebraska.gov](mailto:monty.fredrickson@nebraska.gov). Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Monty W. Fredrickson".

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Attachments

cc: Gerry Oligmueller